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Hi Folks,

EPA published a final rule on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 entitled "Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date, and Reclassification of Several Areas for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards." This final rule will be effective on June 3, 2016. Please see the Federal Register at 81 FR 26697 or as per the weblink provided here: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-04/pdf/2016-09729.pdf>.

In this final rule EPA is determining, in addition to other issues, that 11 areas failed to attain the 2008 ozone NAAQS by the applicable attainment date of July 20, 2015, and thus are reclassified by operation of law from "Marginal" to "Moderate" for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Please see "*C. Determinations of Failure To Attain and Reclassification*" and Table 3 on page 26699 of the final rule. Included in Table 3, of the final rule, is the bump-up to a "Moderate" classification for the Metro-Denver/NFR ozone nonattainment area.

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) has advised that the new attainment date for these areas nonattainment areas that were bumped-up to "Moderate" is July 20, 2018; however, these areas actually need to attain by December, 2017. Areas that have motor vehicle emissions budgets for this ozone NAAQS, such as the Metro-Denver/NFR nonattainment area, therefore, have to include their new attainment *year* (i.e., 2017) as an analysis year in conformity determinations completed after the June 3, 2016 effective date of the final rule.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thanks!

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